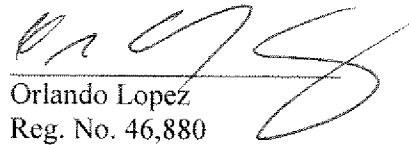


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### **RESPONSE/AMENDMENT AND DECLARATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006, rejecting pending claims 1-17 in the above-mentioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks and declarations under 1.131, which address the Examiner's concerns.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.